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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Sir:

No additional fee is required.

<u>X</u> The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

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	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for	Present extra	Rate	Additional fee
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			Total additional fee for this amendment			\$ 00.00

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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280 (\$140) has been previously paid _, or is paid herewith _.

This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. \boxtimes This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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